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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

Meeting Date: October 26, 2006  
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
Room 130  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 3

**Members Present:** Rep. Jackie Walorski, Chairwoman; Rep. Phil Hinkle; Rep. Greg Porter; Rep. Duane Cheney; Sen. Gary Dillon, Vice-Chairman; Sen. Ryan Mishler; Sen. Earline Rogers; Sen. Timothy Skinner; Sen. Karen Tallian.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Gerald Torr; Rep. David Orentlicher; Sen. Dennis Kruse.

Representative Jackie Walorski, Chairwoman, called the third meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Children's Issues to order at 10:44 AM. She thanked the Committee members for their service during the interim and asked the members for consideration of two preliminary drafts, PD 3283 (Birth Problems Registry) and PD 3428 (Care of Students With Diabetes).

#### PD 3283 (Birth Problems Registry)-

Chairwoman Walorski described PD 3283. She said the draft would remove the sunset clause in current law. The Committee discussed PD 3283 and recommended its introduction to the General Assembly. A motion to recommend was made by Senator Dillon. Representative Cheney seconded the motion. The draft was recommended to the General Assembly by a roll call vote of 7-0.

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PD 3428 (Care of Students with Diabetes)-

Chairwoman Walorski described PD 3428 to the members. She said that the draft included Representative Cheney's recommendation for a stipend for volunteers training to be care givers.

Representative Hinkle asked if the term "school employee" on page 1, line 16, of the draft should not instead read "certified employee."

Discussion followed Representative Hinkle's question. Representative Walorski said that secretaries would most likely be the persons able to roam school buildings freely. She continued that was the reason that the draft was prepared with the term "school employee."

Representative Hinkle asked for language to be included on page 2, line 44, of the draft that would also include a school nurse with the principal. Language to include the school nurse was added by consent of the members.

Senator Skinner pointed to section 6 of the draft. He asked why the draft did not include the school nurse in the initial development of a student's individual plan?

Chairwoman Walorski replied that prior testimony heard by the Committee indicated that student health plans should originate with their physician and be implemented by school nurses.

Senator Skinner questioned the intent of sections 7 and 8 of the draft. He said it seems that the draft includes schools after the fact and that it would be better to include them initially. He asked what if no wants to participate. He said that he supports the overall concept.

Chairwoman Walorski responded that the purpose for the draft is to encourage principals to establish some follow through in the school and at least give attention to the treatment of students with diabetes. She said that testimony would suggest there is a lack of uniformity across the state. She said some school corporations are OK with this plan and that the concept is valid.

Senator Dillon said treatment would be done on written order by the practitioner. He asked what would be gained from this legislation. He offered that the draft may put more work on the schools, but may lead to better student treatment.

Senator Rogers said that the draft gives direction to schools on the development of policy.

Representative Hinkle asked if class size of schools would affect the number of care assistants that could be trained in schools where no school nurse is assigned.

Chairwoman Walorski said the intent of having three care givers in a school without a nurse assigned would provide coverage for absences of care givers due to sickness or vacations.

Senator Rogers asked where the idea to have three care givers came from. She asked if it would be better to make the requirement "more than one" instead of a set number such as three.

Senator Skinner followed by saying that many schools, over 90%, do not have a full-time nurse.

Representative Hinkle recommended on page 2, line 41, of the draft to strike "three" and insert "more than one."

Representative Cheney stated that he preferred three.

Senator Tallian said that by changing the number of volunteer care givers in schools, without an assigned nurse, to "more than one" would increase the financial commitment of the school if more than three persons volunteered per school. She said that it could lead to all teachers volunteering and that we do not want to make an unlimited financial commitment.

Representative Cheney offered that, in his experience, schools rarely pay any more than they must.

Senator Rogers stated that schools aren't being run by morons. School administrators would have a good knowledge on the number of care givers they would need.

Both Chairwoman Walorski and Representative Porter echoed Senator Tallian's comments that the Committee could not leave the number of care givers unlimited, or the fiscal impact would be open-ended and the concept would not get through the legislative process.

Senator Dillon said that as many care givers should be trained as possible. He questioned the effectiveness of the proposed stipend and suggested that it will not affect a person's decision to be trained.

The Committee, by consent, struck the word "three (3)" on page 2, line 41, of the draft and added "at least two (2) and not more than five (5)".

PD 3428 was recommended to the General Assembly, with the above changes, by a roll call vote of 9-0.

The members then reviewed the final report for the Committee. The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the final report with changes to reflect the discussion of PDs 3283 and 3428 and their recommendation by the Committee to the General Assembly. Senator Dillon moved to adopt the final report with the changes, and Representative Hinkle seconded the motion. The final report was adopted by a roll call vote of 9-0.

With no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Walorski thanked the members and adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.